The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Minutes**
The minutes for January 8, 2015 were approved.

**Chair’s Report**
Chair Duderstadt provided an update from the meeting of the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) on February 4, 2015.

CCGA discussed self-supporting graduate degree programs. In particular, the Graduate Council reviewed and discussed requirements for new and existing self-supporting graduate degree programs.

(1) SSGPDPs should not have a negative impact on the existing academic programs, and be beneficial to them at least by helping to fund them, and ideally by intellectually enriching the unit which houses them. Academic units and campuses (Councils on Planning and Budget) must monitor self-supported programs to ensure that they earn the revenue needed to cover their cost.

(2) Academic units and campuses (Graduate Councils) also need to safeguard against a negative impact on the commitment of faculty in terms of on-load and off-load teaching.

(3) SSGPDPs must adhere to UC’s commitment to affordability and accessibility, and should have solid financial aid components. CCGA members discussed different views about the level of return-to-aid, and if it should be the same as that for state-supported programs.

Chair Duderstadt advised that, at present, UCSF has the least number of SSGDPs.

**Dean’s Report – Dean Watkins, PhD**
Standing in for Dean Watkins, Michele De Coteau conveyed the Dean’s gratitude for the commitment of the Graduate Council to review upcoming merit fellowship applications.
Michele De Coteau announced the UCSF Discovery Fellows Annual Research Symposium on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the UCSF Mission Bay Campus.

**Graduate Student Association Report – Michael Le**
None

**Review – Graduate Program in Sociology – Jason Rock (lead)**
Member Janet Shim thanked the Graduate Council for the review of the Graduate Program in Sociology. Janet Shim presented to the committee a request for modification to the qualifying exam process. The Doctoral Program in Sociology has requested to modify the qualifying exam (QE) process to expedite students’ advancement to candidacy by eliminating the Third Area Exam (TAE) and obtaining a waiver from regulation VII.C.2.a, which requires outside faculty on QE committees. In lieu of having an outside member sit of the qualifying exam committee, the Doctoral Program in Sociology proposed to have an outside person required for the dissertation committee.

Graduate Council discussed the proposal. Janet Shim recused herself from the discussion of the Graduate Council.

Graduate Council recognized that eliminating the TAE from the QE process would reduce the time to advancement to candidacy.

Graduate Council appreciated that the requirement to have outside faculty on QE committees serves multiple purposes including evaluating rigor before advancement to candidacy.

Graduate Council understood that the proposal would include that faculty from outside the students’ major department or graduate program be included on students’ dissertation committees.

The beginning of the dissertation committee process starts at the end of the QE process. Proposal to include outside faculty on students’ dissertation committees would preclude the purpose of requiring outside faculty on QE committees. In particular, if the purpose of outside faculty were to evaluate rigor before advancement to candidacy, then the evaluation of the outside faculty would be moot once the dissertation process begins because the student would have already advanced to candidacy.

Graduate Council inquired if the Doctoral Program in Sociology would include the dissertation proposal defense as a final step in the QE process?

Graduate Council agreed to submit a list of comments to the Graduate Program in Sociology. Graduate Council will discuss the Graduate Program in Sociology’s response at the next meeting on March 19, 2015.

**Chancellor’s Fund**
Chair Duderstadt provided background information on the Chancellor’s Fund. Graduate Council agreed to endorse the allocation of funding to each committee.

**Posthumous Degree Guidelines**
Kate Dargan announced that the Posthumous Degree Guidelines were approved by the Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction and will be reviewed next by the Coordinating Committee.

**Faculty Research Lecture – Basic Science**
Kate Dargan announced the 58th Annual Faculty Research Lectureship – Basic Science awarded to Susan J. Fisher, PhD for her transformative research on human pregnancy as well as stem cell biology and mass spectrometry. The lecture, titled “Mad About Science: Placentas, Stem Cells and Mass Spectra” will take place on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in Cole Hall, Parnassus Campus. The event will be simulcast and a reception will follow.
New Business
None

Old Business
None

Chair Duderstadt adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.